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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, China Asian Satellite Division, OCI

ATTENTION: [REDACTED] Military Support Branch

THROUGH: Chief, Requirements Branch, Reconnaissance Group, CGS

FROM: Chief, CIA/PID (NPIC)

SUBJECT: SAM Site Negotiations, China

REFERENCES: (a) Requirement C-CI-4-81,729
(b) CIA/PID Project C 1370-64
(c) PID/MEB Memorandum 417/64, "SAM Deployment Program, China," TCS 7742/64 TOP SECRET
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1. This memorandum is in response to your requirement dated 24 August 1964 which requests:

a. Evidence from which the SAM sites at Lan-Chou and Shih-chia-chung (formerly Shih-men), China were negated:

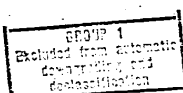
b. A re-evaluation of other Chinese SAM sites, particularly those around Peiping, of these negotiations were based on the absence of equipment from the sites.

2. In no instance was the negation of these sites based solely on the absence of equipment. In fact, no equipment was ever identified at any of the sites in question. A summary of the circumstances surrounding each negation is presented in the following paragraphs.

3. Shih-chia-chung SAM Site A32-2 (formerly Shih-men SAM Site A32-2), located approximately 3.5 nautical miles northwest of Shih-chia-chung, China at 38-05-00N 114-25-00E, was identified from KEYHOLE photography of [REDACTED]. As seen on that photography (see Attachment 1), the site displayed the usual circular appearance of an SA-2 SAM site, including the hexagonal arrangement of launch positions. At least three of the launch positions were served by chord-like access roads originating from the ring road. From the vicinity of one launch position, a road led into the center of the site to an unprepared central area. An access road serving the site could be seen, originating from the runway at Shih-chia-chung Airfield. No barracks and support area, specifically associated with the site, was present.

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25X1D [REDACTED] Shih-chia-chung Airfield was seen three times in the interval between [REDACTED] and once on KEYHOLE photography. On each occasion, conditions of weather and/or obliquity precluded any identification of the nearby SAM site.

25X1D [REDACTED] a short portion of the access road leading from the runway to the site is present; however, the SAM site is no longer visible, on very good quality KEYHOLE photography (see Attachment 2).

25X1D [REDACTED] covered this area with comparable photography, and also revealed nothing. On this basis, the SAM site was negated.

25X1D 4. Lan-Chou SAM Site Bl2-2, located approximately 16.5 nautical miles southeast of Lan-Chou, China at 35-54-15N 104-04-00E, was identified as a SAM site in the early stages of construction from [REDACTED]

At that time, the site consisted of a circular configuration, with two smaller circular areas, suggestive of positions, or prepared areas, located thereon (see Attachment 3). A third position, or prepared area, appeared to be in progress at the time of this photography. There was no indication of ground scarring or preparation in the center of the area, and for that matter, the heavy ground scarring which is attendant with the construction of a SAM site was completely absent there.

This area was road-served by an unimproved road which led directly onto the circular configuration. No security fencing was evident, and there was no sign of vehicles/equipment, SAM-related, or otherwise. No specific support area was present, although several villages were located nearby.

25X1D This area was not seen again until [REDACTED]. No trace of the circular configuration was visible on good quality photography, and the site was negated. [REDACTED] the area was again covered by very good quality KEYHOLE photography, which confirmed the negation (see Attachment 4).

25X1D 5. Lan-Chou SAM Site (possible), located approximately 23 nautical miles southeast of Lan-Chou at 35-56N 104-13E, was also identified from [REDACTED]
25X1D [REDACTED] It appeared as a heavily scarred, generally circular area, and was thought to possibly be a SAM site under construction (see Attachment 5). The circular area was connected by paths, or trails, to a small, walled compound, inside of which approximately 12 vehicles were visible. None of these could be identified as SAM-related vehicles.

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This area was not seen again until [REDACTED]. The area was negated as a SAM site on photography of that mission, since [REDACTED] after identification, it did not display any sort of configuration which could be related to a SAM site. Photography of [REDACTED] also covered this area, confirming the negation.

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6. Since the time that this requirement was received, Hsi-an SAM Site C25-2 (34-08-00N 108-35-00E) has also been negated. No remaining sign of the configuration could be detected on very good quality KEYHOLE photography. Hsi-an SAM Site B32-2 (34-27-00N 108-46-00E) also appeared to be abandoned on this same good quality photography. A very faint site outline persists at this location; however, it appears to have been unused for a considerable period of time.

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7. For a summary of all known Chinese SAMs, except those covered by this requirement, current through KEYHOLE [REDACTED] your attention is directed to PID/MEB Memorandum 417/64 "SAM Deployment Program, China," TCS 7742/64 TOP SECRET CHESS RUFF NO FOREIGN DISSEM.

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8. The photo analyst on this project is [REDACTED] who may be contacted at extension 2079 should you have any further questions concerning this project.

9. This project is considered to be complete, but will also be released in report form.

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Enclosures:

Six (6) prints (CIA/PID/MEB-P-854/64
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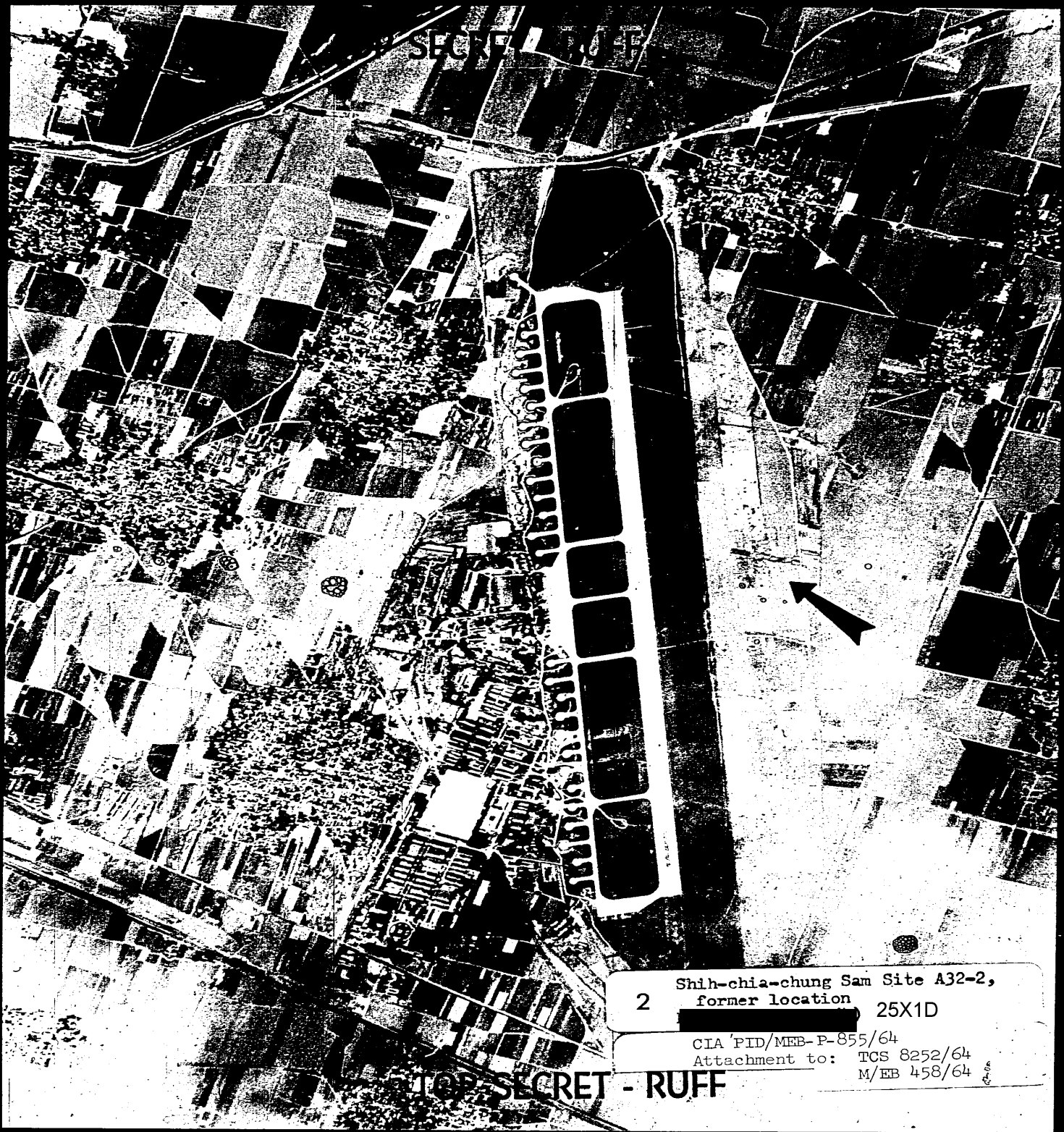
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Lan-Chou Sam Site B12-2,
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5 Lan-Chou Sam Site(possible)

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Lan-Chou Sam Site(possible),
formerly targeted activity

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